

**Maine Revised Statutes**  
**Title 20-A: EDUCATION**

**Chapter 502: CERTIFICATION OF EDUCATIONAL PERSONNEL**

**§13013-A. SALARY SUPPLEMENTS FOR NATIONAL BOARD-CERTIFIED TEACHERS**

**1. Department of Education salary supplement.** Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Department of Education shall provide a public school teacher or a teacher in a publicly supported secondary school who has attained certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards, or its successor organization, with an annual national board certification salary supplement for the life of the certificate. The salary supplement must be added to the teacher's base salary and must be considered in the calculation for contributions to the Maine Public Employees Retirement System. If a nationally certified teacher is no longer employed as a teacher, the supplement ceases. The amount of the salary supplement is:

A. For fiscal year 2012-13, \$2,500; [ 2011, c. 702, §2 (NEW) . ]

B. For fiscal year 2013-14, \$2,750; and [ 2011, c. 702, §2 (NEW) . ]

C. For fiscal year 2014-15 and succeeding years, \$3,000. [ 2011, c. 702, §2 (NEW) . ]

[ 2011, c. 702, §2 (AMD) . ]

**1-A. Funding revenue.** The National Board Certification Salary Supplement Fund is established as a nonlapsing dedicated fund within the Department of Education beginning in fiscal year 2012-13. The salary supplement under subsection 1 must be funded from fees collected by the department pursuant to section 13007, subsection 1.

[ 2011, c. 702, §2 (NEW) . ]

**2. Local filing; certification.** On or before October 15th annually, the superintendent of schools of a school administrative unit or the chief administrative officer of a publicly supported secondary school or a career and technical education region shall file with the commissioner a certified list of national board-certified teachers eligible to receive the salary supplement pursuant to subsection 1.

[ 2011, c. 702, §2 (AMD) . ]

**3. Payment.** The department shall provide the salary supplement to school administrative units and publicly supported secondary schools for eligible teachers no later than February 15th of each year.

[ 2011, c. 702, §2 (AMD) . ]

**4. Expend funds.** A school administrative unit or a publicly supported secondary school may expend funds received through the salary supplement under subsection 1 without calling for a special meeting of the local legislative body.

[ 2011, c. 702, §2 (AMD) . ]

**5. Scholarship fund.** The National Board Certification Scholarship Fund is established as a nonlapsing dedicated fund, referred to in this subsection as "the scholarship fund," within the Department of Education to encourage teachers to apply to and enroll in the certification program offered by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards or its successor organization, referred to in this subsection and subsection

6 as "the certification program." A school administrative unit or a publicly supported secondary school may request scholarship funds on behalf of its teachers who meet the requirements set forth in subsection 6. The department shall award funds according to this subsection.

A. In fiscal year 2012-13, the department shall allocate \$50,000 from fees collected by the department pursuant to section 13007, subsection 1 to the scholarship fund. The department shall award an amount equal to the cost of the certification program less any other funds received by the applicant on a first-come first-served basis for the first 20 teachers accepted into the certification program annually. [2011, c. 702, §2 (NEW).]

B. Beginning in fiscal year 2013-14, the department shall allocate \$75,000 from fees collected by the department pursuant to section 13007, subsection 1 each fiscal year to the scholarship fund. The department shall award an amount equal to the cost of enrollment in the certification program less any other funds received by the applicant to not more than 30 teachers accepted into the program annually. [2011, c. 702, §2 (NEW).]

[ 2011, c. 702, §2 (NEW) .]

**6. Eligibility requirements.** In order to receive scholarship funds according to subsection 5 on behalf of a teacher, the school administrative unit or a publicly supported secondary school must certify to the department that the teacher:

A. Is currently employed by a school administrative unit or a publicly supported secondary school; [2011, c. 702, §2 (NEW).]

B. Has completed at least 3 years of teaching in the State; [2011, c. 702, §2 (NEW).]

C. Has agreed to mentor at least one other teacher employed in the State through the national board certification process to apply to and enroll in the certification program; [2011, c. 702, §2 (NEW).]

D. Has provided documentation of acceptance into the certification program; and [2011, c. 702, §2 (NEW).]

E. Has disclosed any other funds received to cover the cost of the certification program. [2011, c. 702, §2 (NEW).]

[ 2011, c. 702, §2 (NEW) .]

**7. Nonlapsing funds.** Any unencumbered balance of the National Board Certification Scholarship Fund under subsection 5 remaining at the end of a fiscal year may not lapse but must be carried forward to be used for the same purpose.

[ 2011, c. 702, §2 (NEW) .]

#### SECTION HISTORY

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